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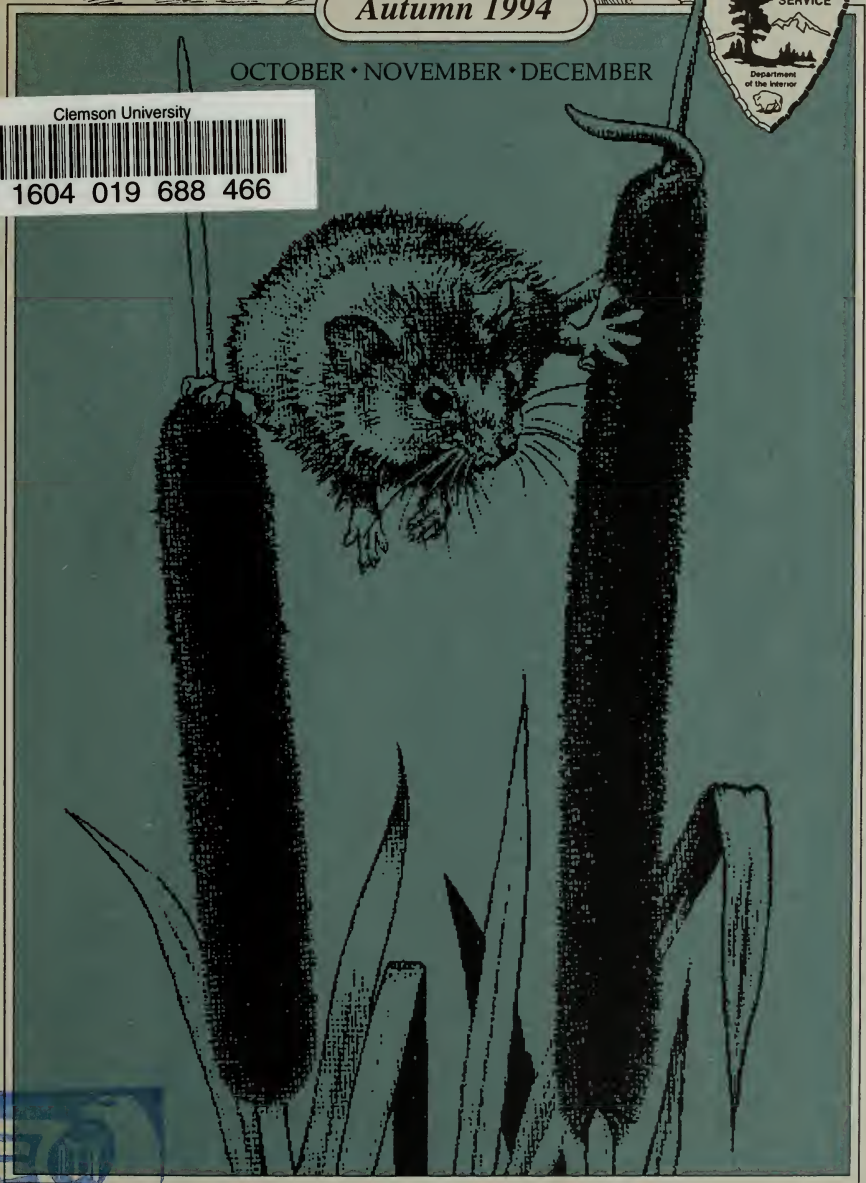

*A Quarterly Calendar of Events & Programs published by the National Park Service*

# Superintendent's Message

Fall in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is a great time to escape the fast pace of everyday life and discover our incredibly diverse plant and animal neighbors. These mountains are home to over 1,000 plant and animal species including valley oak, toyon, red-tailed hawk and bobcat.

The Santa Monica Mountains are part of the larger South Coast Mediterranean Type Ecosystem. Ecosystems are made up of plants and animals that are dependent on each other for survival. A healthy ecosystem can support a great diversity of life. Ecosystems don't recognize property or political borders but are impacted by how people use the land. What happens both inside and outside the Santa Monica Mountains impacts the quality of our lives as well as that of plants and animals. In order to preserve and conserve the diversity of our ecosystem, the National Park Service works cooperatively with private landowners and over 100 public and private agencies.

Help protect your ecosystem by carpooling, recycling, conserving water, and learning more about your environment. Take a guided bird walk or witness nature's rebirth by attending fire ecology programs at Cold Creek Canyon or at our Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Site. Increase native biodiversity by assisting the California Native Plant Society with its monthly weed wars or by including native plants in your yard. Volunteers are one of our most valuable assets. Join your neighbors by volunteering to build trails or by performing maintenance, office, computer or other work.

We look forward to seeing you and to your continued support of National Park Service and our cooperating agencies' programs.

*David E. Gackenbach*

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Cover Illustration: **Brush Mouse** *Peromyscus boylei* by Jim Thomas

# How to Use this Calendar

***Date*** - Activities occurring on a specific day are listed in order of the time they occur.

***Time*** - If a single time is listed, the program begins at that time and lasts for the number of hours indicated. *If a span of time is listed, you may attend the program any time within those hours.*

***Location*** - **Directions to listed parkland areas are found on page 15 and 18. Between these pages is a map of the national recreation area. These four pages may be removed together for easy reference.**

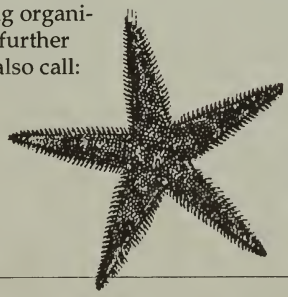
***Reservation*** - If required, it will be indicated.

***Length*** - The approximate length (in hours) of the program is indicated.

***Sponsoring Agency*** - The acronym for the agency sponsoring the activity is listed. Participating organizations and their phone numbers to call for further information are listed on page 3. You may also call:

*National Park Service Visitor Center*
**818-597-9192** *or*

*Mountains Parks Information Service*
**1-800-533-PARK**



# Regularly Scheduled Activities

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| **Circle X Ranch Site** | Camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 30 miles of trails and fire roads. Camping fee. NPS. |
| **Cold Creek Canyon Preserve** | Open daily by reservation only for group & individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant & bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-9363. CCD/MRT. |
| **Coldwater Canyon Park** | TreePeople location. Open daily 9am to dusk. Nursery open weekends noon to 5pm. Free tours by reservation. TP. |
| **Franklin Canyon Ranch Site/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr** | Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. NPS/WODOC/MEP. |
| **Leo Carrillo State Beach** | Campfire programs & hikes as scheduled; camping. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CDPR. |
| **Malibu Creek State Park** | Camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking, bicycling, & equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Regularly scheduled naturalist walks & group programs by reservation. Day-use parking/individual entry fee. CDPR/MCD. |
| **Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House** | Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUES: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. CDPR/MLMD/SMBAS. |
| **Paramount Ranch Site** | Open daily. Picnicking, jogging, equestrian, and hiking trails. Western Town movie set. NPS. |
| **Peter Strauss Ranch Site** | Open 8am to 5pm daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Art exhibits and concerts as scheduled. NPS. |
| **Point Mugu State Park** | Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails. Naturalist hikes and campfires as scheduled. CDPR. |
| **Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site** | Open daily. *Rancho Sierra Vista*: Hiking trails, tours & naturalist walks as scheduled. *Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center* open SUN 10am to 5pm with exhibits & talks on Native American Indian culture. NPS/FOS. |
| **Rocky Oaks Site** | Open daily. Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area, seasonal pond. NPS. |
| **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center** | Open MON thru FRI 8am to 5pm and SAT & SUN 9am to 5pm. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area & other national parks. NPS. |

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| **Temescal Canyon/ Presbyterian Conference Grounds** | Docent-led hikes in Pacific Palisades & Temescal Canyon area. TCA. |
| **Topanga State Park** | Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CDPR/TCD. |
| **Will Rogers State Historic Park** | Park grounds open 8am to 6pm. Film, self-guided audio tour & guided tour of ranch house available 10am to 5pm. Polo matches SAT at 2pm and SUN at 10am, conditions permitting. Day use fee. Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. CDPR/WRD. |

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

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| AASMM | **Allied Artists, Santa Monica Mountains** 818-597-1036 ext. 230 |
| CCD | **Cold Creek Docents** 818-591-9363 |
| CDPR | **California Dept. of Parks & Recreation** 818-880-0350 |
| CNP | **Charmlee Nature Preserve** 310-457-7247 |
| CNPS | **California Native Plant Society** 818-348-5910 |
| CORBA | **Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn.** 818-773-3555 |
| FOS | **Friends of Satwiwa** 805-499-2837 |
| FORC | **Friends of Runyon Canyon** 213-666-5004 |
| GSSA | **Golden State Sculptors Assn.** 818-784-4849 |
| LACP | **Los Angeles County Recreation & Parks Dept.** 213-738-2961 |
| LED | **Los Encinos Docents** 818-784-4849 |
| MC | **Moorpark College** 805-499-7990 |
| MCD | **Malibu Creek Docents** 818-706-8809 |
| MCF | **Mountains Conservancy Foundation** 310-456-7154 |
| MEP | **Mountains Education Program** 310-457-9227 |
| MLMD | **Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents** 310-456-8432 |
| MRCA | **Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority** 310-456-7807 |
| MRT | **Mountains Restoration Trust** 310-456-5625 |
| NNW | **Nursery Nature Walks** 310-998-1151 |
| NPS | **National Park Service** 818-597-9192 |
| SC | **Sierra Club** 213-387-4287 |
| SMBAS | **Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society** 310-457-2240 |
| SMMPA | **Santa Monica Mountains Parklands Assn.** 818-597-1036 |
| SMMC | **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy** 310-456-5046 |
| SMMTC | **Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council** 818-222-4530 |
| TCA | **Temescal Canyon Association** 310-454-4188 |
| TCD | **Topanga Canyon Docents** 818-888-6856 |
| TLVRCD | **Topanga-Las Virgenes Resource Conservation District** 310-455-1030 |
| TP | **TreePeople** 818-753-4600 |
| WODOC | **William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom** 310-858-3090 |
| WRD | **Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents** 310-454-8212 |
| WI | **Wilderness Institute** 818-991-7327 |

# AUTUMN PROGRAMS

*Learn about the natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Attend a program or train to be a docent and share your knowledge with others.*

**SAT 10/1 9am**

*Lower Stunt High Trail*

**1st Saturday Walk at Cold Creek Valley Preserve**

Explore this fire-recovering preserve. See streamside pools and woodlands in a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead 1 mile from Mulholland Hwy on Stunt Rd. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 10/1 9am**

*Lower Stunt High Trail*

**Fisher Firsts** Gentle two-mile walkabout in this new parkland to view riparian areas, oak woodlands and gently rolling hills. Find signs of four-legged denizens. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Stunt High Trailhead. 3hrs CCD/MRT

**WODOC Docent Training**

Free training. Volunteers needed to work with children, staff the nature center and more. Call 310-858-3090 x112

**SAT 10/1 9am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*

**WODOC & The Movies**

Tour an area which has been the site of many movie and T.V. productions. See how the industry has learned to help preserve the environment. 2hrs WODOC

**TOPANGA CANYON DOCENTS**

*20th Annual Docent Training Program*

Learn from experts about birds, plants, insects and more. Fee. Saturdays, 9:30am-3:30pm:

**OCT 8 & 22 / NOV 5 & 19 / DEC 3**

Call: 818-881-9063

**SAT 10/1 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Canyon Tykes** For 4-7 year olds accompanied by an adult. Explore trails, animal homes, and the sights, sounds and feel of nature. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SAT 10/1 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Saturday Saunter** Learn about the natural world while enjoying the company of others on this easy-paced walk in upper Franklin Canyon. 1.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 10/2 8am**
*Topanga State Park*
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs SC

**SUN 10/2 9am**
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*
**Ocean Day at Malibu Lagoon** Observe the ecology of the lagoon including birds and underwater life. Participate in a recycling and beach clean up workshop. *Reservation required* 310-455-1449. 3hrs TLVRCD

**TRAIL BUILDING**

*Saturdays, 8am - noon at various sites.*

*New trails to build, old trails to repair.*

*The challenge is there.*

*Join in this satisfying work.*

*Call Ron Webster/Sierra Club:*

**310-451-1231**

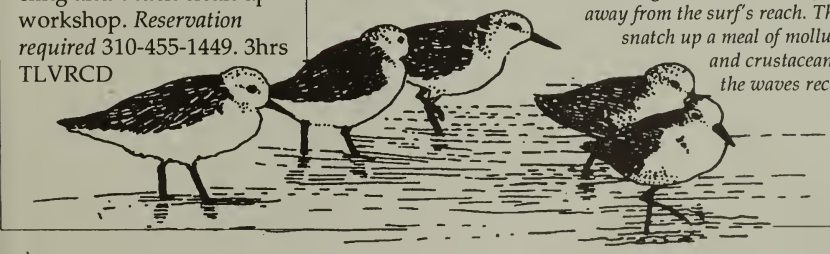
**SUN 10/2 9am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Bird Walk for Children** Discover the birds of Malibu Creek. For children of all ages - must be accompanied by an adult. Bring binoculars. Meet at lower parking lot. 1hr MCD

**SUN 10/2 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

**Adopt-a-Trail**

Help keep your favorite trails safe and beautiful. Join the Santa Monica Mountains Trail Council crew on Saturdays, 8am-noon for a landshaping experience!

**818-222-4531**



***Sanderlings*** *Calidris alba— sprint away from the surf's reach. They snatch up a meal of mollusks and crustaceans as the waves recede.*

# October

**SUN 10/2 10am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Chronicles of the Canyon** An exploration of the beauty and history of Franklin Canyon. From Native American Indians, Spanish and early settlers to modern water distribution and filmmaking, the canyon has seen it all! 2.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 10/2 11am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Backpacking: Surviving the Fun** Could you survive in the wilderness? Learn backpacking tips including safety and emergency techniques. Nature can be fun and safe! 1.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 10/2 6pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**The Walk of Life, Sound & Light** See the spirit and wonder of nature on this walk. Through guided meditation, we will see that we occupy a special place in the "cycle of life" on this planet. 1.5hrs WODOC

*10th Annual TAFFY Festival*

*Oct. 8th & 9th*

*Sat - Sun, 10am to 5pm*

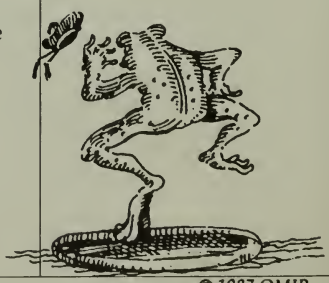
Peter Strauss Ranch Site

***The best in theatre, music, dance, puppetry, mime, hands-on crafts, workshops and games for family audiences...*** including the "Puddledumplin Players," Victorian animal characters from TAFFY's own town of Puddledumplin.

**Ticket info: 818-998-2339**

**WED 10/5 10:30am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Babes In The Woods** Enjoy the companionship of other parents on this walk around the NPS Upper Franklin Canyon Reservoir. Introduce the natural world to your stroller-age child. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**FRI 10/7 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC



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**SAT 10/8 8am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Birding Tour** A variety of habitats support 160 species from hummingbirds to golden eagles. Observe fall migrants and winter arrivals on this easy-paced walk. Bring binoculars. Meet at lower parking lot. 3hrs MCD

**SAT 10/8 9am**
*Cold Creek Canyon Preserve*
**An Open Book** Rocks tell a history of a streambed on a mountaintop, ocean fossils at 2,200' elevation and a mountain-sized landslide. Join geologist Bob Thomas for decoding techniques. *Reservation required* 310-456-5625. 4hrs MRT

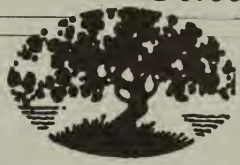
**SAT 10/8 9am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Cleaning Up Our Environment** Learn how everyone can help make our environment more beautiful on this moderate-trail, clean up hike. Become a part of the solution! 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SAT 10/8 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Fitness Hike** Intermediate to advanced hikers can get some fast-paced exercise, enjoy the trails and learn some park history. Nature center tour included. 2hrs WODOC

**SAT 10/8 10am**
*Rocky Oaks Site*
**Chaparral & Oak Woodlands** See how well these micro-ecosystems blend together on this 2.5 mile walk. Bring kids, water and picnic lunch for afterwards. 818-707-8540. 2hrs SC/TCD

**SAT 10/8 5pm**
*Charmlee Nature Preserve*
**Twilight Hike & Marshmallows** Easy hike with a beautiful view of the sun setting over the Pacific. Followed by marshmallows around the campfire. Bring flashlight, water and skewers. 818-347-1817 2.5hrs CNP

**SUN 10/9 9am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**T'ai Chi Walk** Beginners or those with some T'ai Chi Ch'uan background can enjoy instruction in moving meditation on our trek through Franklin Canyon. Highlights in T'ai Chi and ecosytem will be pointed out. 2hrs WODOC



**California Native Plant Society & Sierra Club**
**WEED WARS**

**10/9**

**Sunday** 9am-1pm

**Pt. Mugu State Park**

Prepare park for springtime bloom. Help eliminate domineering weeds.

Reservations: **818-348-5910**

**SUN 10/9 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

**SUN 10/9 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Discovering Nature** A walk for families with children. Look for animal homes, meet a tree, observe an insect and more! Tune into the natural world. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SUN 10/9 10am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**What, No Pizza Parlors?** A fun-filled family walk and discussion on the traditional life of Native American Indians of southern California. Learn about plant use, arts and crafts, story-telling and music. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 3hrs WODOC

**SUN 10/9 12:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Nature & Awareness** Explore, expand and deepen your awareness on this easy-paced walk. Includes a guided meditation. 1.5hrs WODOC

**WED 10/12 10am**
*TreePeople*
**TreePeople Nursery Nature Walk** For families with children 3 mos to 6 yrs old. Easy site from city and valley. Explore nature, see chickens and a recycling center. Donations requested. *Reservation required* 310-364-3591. 2hrs NNW

**FRI 10/14 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 10/15 9am**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Trail Hike** Explore this urban wilderness located above Hollywood. 2-3hrs FORC

**SAT 10/15 9:30am**
*Paramount Ranch Site*
**From Set to Screen** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join an NPS ranger on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**SAT 10/15 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
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**SAT 10/15 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Saturday Saunter** Learn about the natural world while enjoying the company of others on this easy-paced walk in Upper Franklin Canyon. 1.5hrs WODOC

**SAT 10/15 10am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Chumash Harvest Walk** Learn about Chumash resources on this easy-paced walk through oak woodlands and streamside communities. Which plants were used for food, medicine, clothing or building materials? Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

*California Native Plant Society's*

## Native Plant Sale

OCT 15 Sat, 10am-4pm

*Michael Landon Community Center, Malibu Bluffs Park*

The home gardener can plant in the fall for an established spring garden. Landscape, wildflower and gift books will be on sale.

***For further info: 818-345-6749***

**SUN 10/16 8am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Bird Walk** Enjoy learning how birds live and what they eat. Bring bird guides, binoculars, snack and water. 3hrs SC

**SUN 10/16 9:30am**
*Santa Monica Mountains*
**TCA Sunday Hike** Meet at Temescal Gateway Park: from Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland onto Temescal Cyn Rd; follow one mile to parking lot just across Sunset Blvd. 310-454-4188. 6hrs TCA

**SUN 10/16 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

**SUN 10/16 10am**
*Cold Creek Canyon Preserve*
**Canyon Reverie** Wend through fire-recovering oak woodlands, chaparral and streamside communities. See a rocky grotto and a waterfall. Meet at preserve's lower gate 1.2 miles from Mulholland Hwy on Stunt Rd. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 10/16 11am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Backpacking: Surviving the Fun** Could you survive in the wilderness? Learn backpacking tips including safety and emergency techniques. Nature can be fun and safe! 1.5hrs WODOC

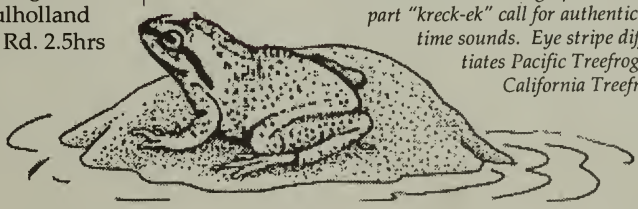
**SUN 10/16 1pm**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Cultural History Hike** Explore over a century of Hollywood history in a great celebrity estate reverting back to nature. 1hr FORC

**SUN 10/16 3pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon** An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and capture memories. Enjoy the photo opportunities or just go on a peaceful, easy-paced walk. 2hrs WODOC

**SUN 10/16 6pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**The Walk of Life, Sound & Light** See the spirit and wonder of nature on this walk. Through guided meditation, we will see that we occupy a special place in the "cycle of life" on this planet. 1.5hrs WODOC

**TUES 10/18 7pm**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Full Moon Hike** Explore the canyon by moonlight. Look and listen for nocturnal wildlife, then enjoy the city lights from the top of the trail. 2.5hrs WODOC

**WED 10/19 2:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Tots on the Trail** Enjoy the sights, sounds and feel of nature. For children ages 2-4 accompanied by an adult. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC



*Pacific Treefrog Hyla regilla—Hollywood movie directors use its high-pitched, two-part "kreck-ek" call for authentic night time sounds. Eye stripe differentiates Pacific Treefrog from California Treefrog.*

# October

**WED 10/19 7pm**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Full Moon Over Runyon Canyon** See Hollywood's urban wilderness park in a new light. Hike up to a view of the L.A. basin from the site of an unbuilt Frank Lloyd Wright project. Moderate pace. 2hrs FORC

**FRI 10/21 10am**
*Point Mugu State Park*
**La Jolla Canyon Nursery Nature Walk** For families with babies to 6 year olds. Walk by a stream and waterfall. Donations requested. *Reservation required* 310-364-3591. 2hrs NNW

**FRI 10/21 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 10/22 8am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Birdwatching for Beginners** Learn how to identify the many bird species of southern California on this easy-paced walk. Bring binoculars. Meet at lower parking lot. 3hrs MCD

**SAT 10/22 8:30am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Birdwalk** See what birds inhabit the chaparral and lakeside this season. Bring binoculars and walking shoes. No pets please. Meet at lower parking lot. 2.5hrs WODOC

**SAT 10/22 9am**
*Cheeseboro Canyon/Palo Comado Canyon Site*
**Canyon Loop Hike** View native plants, songbirds and raptors in a beautiful oak savanna. Join an NPS ranger for an invigorating 10 mile hike. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Cheeseboro Canyon parking lot. 6hrs NPS

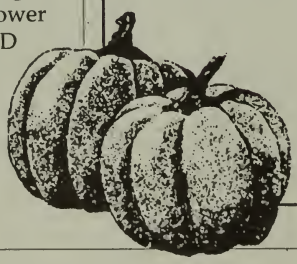
**SAT 10/22 9am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Plant Adventures** See, feel, smell and identify plants plus associated arthropods of the coastal sage and riparian habitats. Three-mile walk. 3hrs WODOC

**SAT 10/22 10am**
*Peter Strauss Ranch Site*
**Peaceful Stroll, Peaceful Thoughts** Enjoy a contemplative stroll under the oaks. Led by a docent who will invoke nature's tranquility. Bring water and brown bag picnic to enjoy afterwards. 818-707-8540. 2hrs SC/TCD

*Third Annual Calabasas Days Pumpkin Festival*

## October 22 & 23

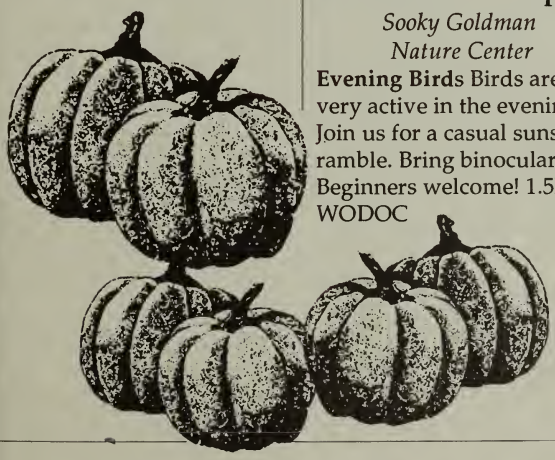
***Saturday & Sunday***
***9:30am - dusk***
**Paramount Ranch Site**
*Fun for the whole family.*
*Enjoy the spirit of the Old West.*
*Music, dancing, food, crafts,*
*and over 30 tons of pumpkins!*
*Fee. Call 818-225-2227 for more information.*



**SUN 10/23 8:30am**
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*
**Birdwatching at the Lagoon** Join expert bird-watchers on this walk. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 10/23 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

**SUN 10/23 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Fitness Hike** Intermediate to advanced hikers can get some fast-paced exercise, enjoy the trails and learn some park history. Includes nature center tour. 2hrs WODOC



**SUN 10/23 1:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Canyon Tykes** For ages 4 - 7 accompanied by an adult. Explore trails, animal homes, and the sights, sounds and feel of nature. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**FRI 10/28 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 10/29 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Tots on the Trail** Enjoy the sights, sounds and feel of nature. For children ages 2-4 accompanied by an adult. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SAT 10/29 4pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Evening Birds** Birds are very active in the evening. Join us for a casual sunset ramble. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! 1.5hrs WODOC

**SAT 10/29 5pm**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Evening Campfire HIke** Learn about the history and ecology of the park on this easy-paced hike then relax around the campfire. Bring water and flashlight. Call 818-347-1817 for more info. 2.5hrs MCD

**SUN 10/30 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

**SUN 10/30 11am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Backpacking: Surviving the Fun** Could you survive in the wilderness? Learn backpacking tips including safety and emergency techniques. Nature can be fun and safe! 1.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 10/30 6pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**The Walk of Life, Sound & Light** See the spirit and wonder of nature on this walk. Through guided meditation, we will see that we occupy a special place in the "cycle of life" on this planet. 1.5hrs WODOC

*Celebrate*

## Backbone Trail Month

November 10, 1994

Various organizations create new opportunities to hike the Backbone Trail.

For more information:
NPS **818-597-9192,**
**1-800-533-PARK** or
MCF **310-587-2400**

*November is Backbone Trail Month. This trail will extend over 65 miles across the length of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area upon completion. Enjoy an autumn hike or help with trail maintenance.*

*5th Annual*

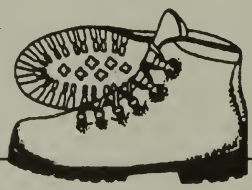
## Trail Maintenance Workshop & Campout

### *November 4 & 5*

*Friday, 6pm to Saturday, 2pm*
**Malibu Creek State Park**

*Instruction by state park rangers.*
*Backbone Trail maintenance on Saturday.*
*Reservations and information:*
**Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council**
818-222-4531

Co-sponsors: Sierra Club and California Dept. of Parks & Recreation



**FRI 11/4 7pm**

*Caballero Canyon*

**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 11/5 9am**

*Lower Stunt High Trail*

**1st Saturday Walk at Cold Creek Valley Preserve**

Explore this fire-recovering preserve. See streamside pools and woodlands in a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead 1 mile from Mulholland Hwy on Stunt Rd. 2hrs CCD

## Caring for Kids
## *Trail Run*

**November 6, 1994**
***Sunday, 9:30am - 1pm***
**Paramount Ranch Site**

*Runner registration begins at 8:30am. Fundraising 5K, 10K Run and Family Walk. Family fun to follow. Proceeds benefit the Landon Pediatric Foundation & the Children's Lifesaving Foundation.* ***Fee to run. Call Body Focus Health Club at 805-496-1834 to register.***

**Sponsors: National Park Service & Body Focus Health Club of Thousand Oaks**

**SAT 11/5**
**9am**
*Lower Stunt High Trail*
**Fisher Firsts** Gentle two-mile walkabout in this new parkland to view riparian areas, oak woodlands and gently rolling hills. Find signs of four-legged denizens. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Stunt High Trailhead. 3hrs CCD/MRT

**SAT 11/5 9am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Cleaning Up Our Environment** Learn how everyone can help make our environment more beautiful on this moderate-trail clean up hike. Become a part of the solution! 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SAT 11/5 9am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**WODOC & The Movies** Tour an area which has been the site of many movie and T.V. productions. See how the industry has learned to help preserve the environment. 2hrs WODOC

**SAT 11/5 9:30am**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Life After Fire** Celebrate one year of rebirth after the Greenmeadow Fire. Join an NPS ranger to learn more about fire ecology while assisting in the written and photo documentation of the Satwiwa natural area. Meet in the Pinehill parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

**SAT 11/5 9:30am**
*Paramount Ranch Site*
**From Set to Screen** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join an NPS ranger on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**SAT 11/5 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Tots on the Trail** Enjoy the sights, sounds and feel of nature. For children ages 2-4 accompanied by an adult. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/6 8am**
*Topanga State Park*
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs SC

# November

**SUN 11/6 9am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Bird Walk for Children** Discover the birds of Malibu Creek. For children of all ages - must be accompanied by an adult. Bring binoculars. Meet at lower parking lot. 1hr MCD

**SUN 11/6 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

**SUN 11/6 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Canyon Tykes** For 4-7 year olds accompanied by an adult. Explore trails, animal homes, and the sights, sounds and feel of nature. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

☞ Celebrate Backbone Trail Month on November 10!

**310-587-2400**

**SUN 11/6 10am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Chronicles of the Canyon** An exploration of the beauty and history of Franklin Canyon. From Native American Indians, Spanish and early settlers to modern water distribution and filmmaking, the canyon has seen it all! 2.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/6 5pm**
*Lower Stunt High Trail*
**Ancient Stories of the Night** Learn about the legends of the constellations through the eyes of ancient cultures. Special "glowshow." Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead 1 mile from Mulholland Hwy on Stunt Rd. *Reservation required* 818-591-9363. 3hrs CCD

**WED 11/9 10:30am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Babes In The Woods** Enjoy the companionship of other parents on this walk around the NPS upper Franklin Canyon Reservoir. Introduce the natural world to your stroller-age child. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

*Happy 16th Birthday!*

*November 10*

**FRI 11/11 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 11/12 8am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Birding Tour** A variety of habitats support 160 species from hummingbirds to golden eagles. Observe fall migrants and winter arrivals on this easy-paced walk. Bring binoculars. Meet at lower parking lot. 3hrs MCD

**SAT 11/12 9am**
*Cold Creek Canyon Preserve*
**Anniversary Walk** A year has passed since the Malibu Fire. Walk the trails, observe the renewal and learn of Chumash ways from Qun'Tan Shup, Fire Master, Owl Clan of Chumash Nation. *Reservation required* 310-456-5625. 4hrs MRT

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# Directions to Parkland Locations

*The handicapped accessible symbol printed in this calendar should not be relied upon as an indication of total accessibility of a site. To check the degree of accessibility, contact the sponsoring agency.*

1 ***Arroyo Sequit Site** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy, 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.

2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Reseda Blvd exit. Turn south 1.9 miles to just past the fountain on the left side of Reseda Blvd. Park on street.

3 ***Castro Crest Site** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (Just west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end, park in parking lot.

4 **Charmlee Nature Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on left side of road.

5 ***Cheeseboro Canyon/Palo Comado Canyon Site** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. At end of ramp, turn right on Palo Comado Canyon Rd and right again on Chesebro Rd. North 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow dirt road to parking lot.

6 ***Circle X Ranch Site** Pacific Coast Hwy in Malibu to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland and drive 5.4 miles to Circle X entry. Follow signs to parking.

7 **Cold Creek Canyon Preserve** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Drive about 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left and drive to preserve entrance on left. Parking info given with confirmation of tour reservations.

8 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to the Coldwater Canyon exit. South to intersection of Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side of intersection.

9 ***Diamond X Ranch Site** Administrative site.

10 ***Franklin Canyon Ranch Site/Sooky Goldman Nature Center** From Ventura Fwy (101), drive south on Coldwater Canyon Dr to Beverly Dr. Turn right onto Beverly Dr and go 1 mile to Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn right. Go 1.5 miles to Lake Dr. *To reach the nature center*: continue past Lake Dr and turn right into the Upper Reservoir/nature center area. Drive around the east side of the lake and park in the nature center lot. *To reach Franklin Canyon Ranch*: Turn right on Lake Dr and drive to parking lot near end of road. From Sunset Blvd, turn north onto Beverly Dr. Drive up Beverly Dr, follow sign to "Coldwater Canyon Dr" intersection, veer left to continue on Bevery Dr. Proceed as above.

11 **Leo Carrillo State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy at Ventura County Line.

12 **Los Encinos State Historic Park** Ventura Fwy (101) exit south on Balboa. Turn left on Moorpark St. 16756 Moorpark St, Encino.

13 **Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. South on Las Virgenes Rd, 3 miles to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd /Malibu Canyon Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy, north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance.

14 **Malibu Lagoon State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway opposite Cross Creek Rd. Adamson House, 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy 200 yards east, across bridge from Malibu Lagoon, opposite Serra Rd. From parking lot, walk on sidewalk along Pacific Coast Hwy 80 yards east to entrance of park area.

15 ***Paramount Ranch Site** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.75 mile. Left at sign reading "Cornell Way" and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance on right side of road.

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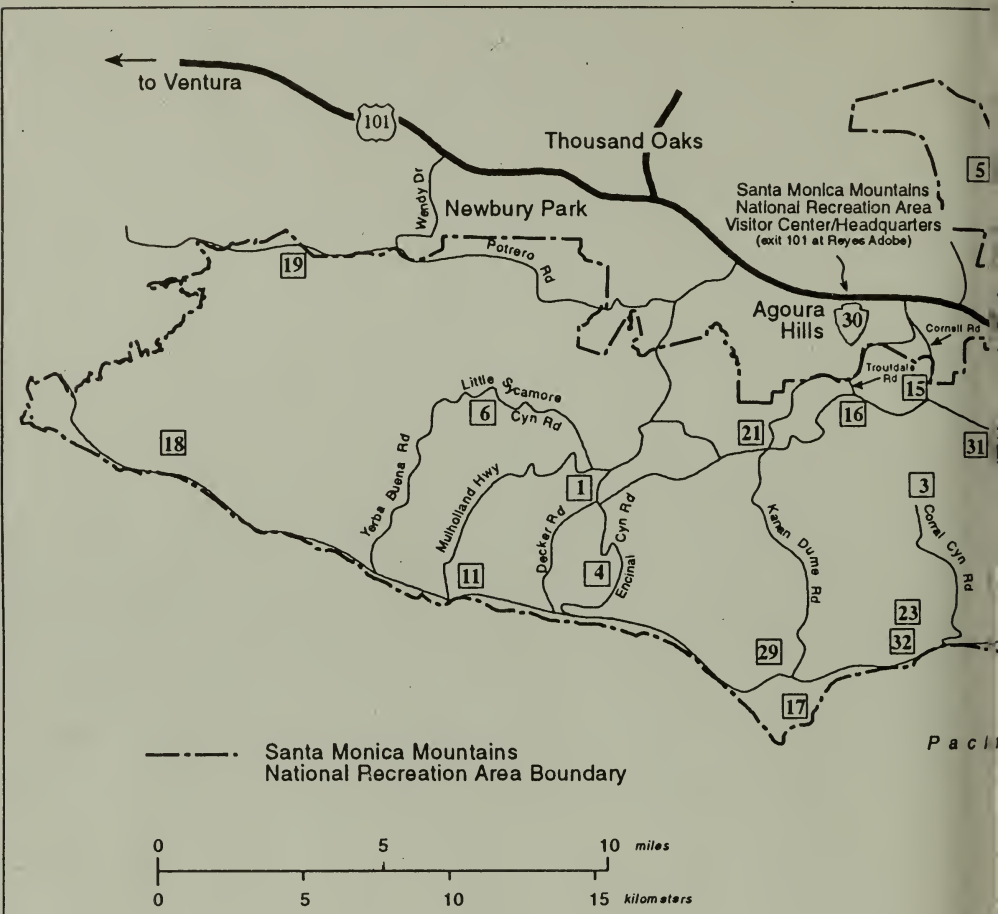


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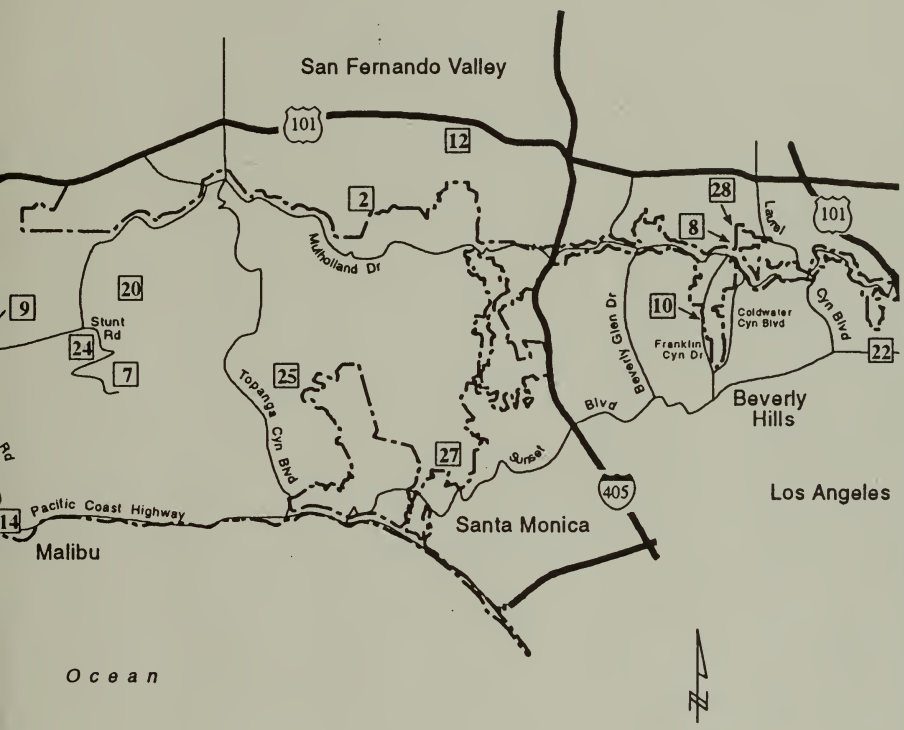


19 Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site
20 Red Rock Canyon
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22 Runyon Canyon Park
23 Solstice Canyon
24 Stunt Ranch/Lower Stunt High Trail
25 Topanga State Park
26 Tapia County Park
27 Will Rogers State Historic Park
28 Wilacre Park
29 Zuma Canyon Site
30 National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters
31 California Department of Parks and Recreation Office
32 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Office

*Note: Please be considerate of park neighbors and respect private land. Carpooling is encouraged.*

16 ***Peter Strauss Ranch Site** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles to Troutdale Rd. Left on Troutdale Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy then right under the arch into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate into the ranch.

17 **Point Dume State Beach** From Los Angeles, take Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu, turn left, follow Westward Beach Rd to parking lot.

18 **Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.

19 ***Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa Site** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr exit in Newbury Park. South on Wendy Dr to Potrero Rd. Turn west (right) onto Potrero Rd. Entrance to park is at intersection of Potrero Rd and Pinehill Rd.

20 **Red Rock Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive about 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas fire road into canyon.

21 ***Rocky Oaks Site** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot. Pacific Coast Hwy to Kanan-Dume Rd. North to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (left) and right into parking lot.

22 **Runyon Canyon Park** Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street.

23 **Solstice Canyon** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd, drive 50 yards to large white-gated fence and park inside gate.

24 **Stunt Ranch/Lower Stunt High Trail** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive approximately 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left and drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on the wide dirt area on right side of road.

25 **Topanga State Park** South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

26 **Tapia County Park** Pacific Coast Hwy to Malibu Canyon Rd. Inland 3 miles to park entrance on west (left) side of road. From Ventura Fwy (101), exit at Las Virgenes Rd, south 5 miles to park on right.

27 **Will Rogers State Historic Park** 14253 Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 8 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

28 **Wilacre Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off Laurel Canyon Blvd.

29 ***Zuma Canyon Site** Follow Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Dr (near Zuma Beach). To Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Go north on Busch Drive until it ends. To Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Go north on Busch Drive to Rainsford Place, turn right on Rainsford to Bonsall Drive, turn left on Bonsall Drive, go north until the road ends and park in the lot.

30 ***National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 30401 Agoura Rd, Suite 100, Agoura Hills. Ventura Fwy (101) to Reyes Adobe exit south to Agoura Rd. Turn right. Enter driveway for first building complex (30401). Building entrance just left of American flag. Information Center first door on right in lobby.

31 **California Dept. of Parks & Recreation Office** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. South on Las Virgenes Rd., 3 miles to Mulholland Hwy intersection. Enter Malibu Creek State Park 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd./Malibu Canyon Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy, north on Malibu Canyon Rd. To Malibu Creek State Park entrance.

32 **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy** 3700 Solstice Canyon Rd. PacificCoast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd.Turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd, go 50 yards to large white-gated fence, use telephone at gate,call for instructions.

***Sites operated by Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System.**

**SAT 11/12 9:30am**
*Circle X Ranch Site*
**Mountain Top Views**
Enjoy pristine canyons and native plants while hiking to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains. Join an NPS ranger for a challenging hike on the Mishe Mokwa loop trail. Meet at the Backbone Trail parking lot. 6 miles. 5hrs NPS

**SAT 11/12 10am**
*Rocky Oaks Site*
**Chaparral & Oak Woodlands** See how well these micro-ecosystems blend together on this 2.5 mile walk. Bring kids, lunch and water for picnic afterwards. 818-707-8540. 2hrs SC/TCD

**SAT 11/12 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Canyon Tykes** For 4-7 year olds accompanied by an adult. Explore trails, animal homes, and the sights, sounds and feel of nature. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SAT 11/12 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Fitness Hike** Intermediate to advanced hikers can get some fast-paced exercise, enjoy the trails and learn some park history. Includes nature center tour. 2hrs WODOC

**SAT 11/12 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Saturday Saunter** Learn about the natural world while enjoying the company of others on this easy-paced walk in Upper Franklin Canyon. 1.5hrs WODOC

**California Native Plant Society & Sierra Club**
**WEED WARS**
**11/13**
**Sunday** 9am-1pm
**Malibu Creek State Park**
Join the final rout in the war between tree of heaven and young oak trees.
Reservations: **818-348-5910**

**SUN 11/13 9am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**T'ai Chi Walk** Beginners or those with some T'ai Chi Ch'uan background can enjoy instruction in moving meditation on our trek through Franklin Canyon. Highlights in T'ai Chi and ecosytem will be pointed out. 2hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/13 9:30am**
*Santa Monica Mountains*
**TCA Sunday Hike** Meet at Temescal Gateway Park: from Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland onto Temescal Cyn Rd; follow one mile to parking lot just across Sunset Blvd. 310-454-4188. 6hrs TCA

**SUN 11/13 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays**
Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

# November

**SUN 11/13 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Discovering Nature** A walk for families with children. Look for animal homes, meet a tree, observe an insect, and more! Tune into the natural world. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

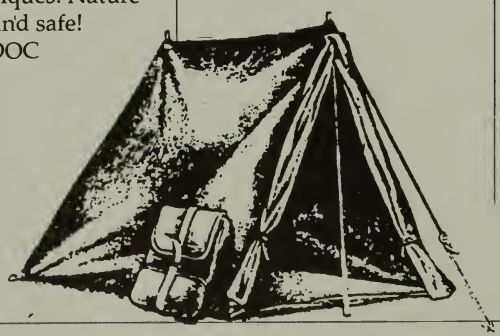
**SUN 11/13 10am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Incredible Edibles** An adventurous, fun-filled expedition to look for edible, and useful plants. Includes a presentation on fruits and vegetables. Families welcome. Prepare to eat! *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 3hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/13 11am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Backpacking: Surviving the Fun** Could you survive in the wilderness? Learn backpacking tips including safety and emergency techniques. Nature can be fun and safe! 1.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/13 12:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Nature & Awareness** Explore, expand, and deepen your awareness on this easy-paced walk which will include a guided meditation. 1.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/13 6pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**The Walk of Life, Sound & Light** See the spirit and wonder of nature on this walk. Through guided meditation, we will see that we occupy a special place in the "cycle of life" on this planet. 1.5hrs WODOC

**MON 11/14 10am**
*Topanga State Park*
**Santa Ynez Canyon Nursery Nature Walk** Stroll along a flat path alongside a stream. For parents with babies to 6 year olds. Strollers O.K. Learn about nature. Donations requested. *Reservation required* 310-364-3591. 2hrs NNW



**WED 11/16 2:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Tots on the Trail** Enjoy the sights, sounds and feel of nature. For children ages 2-4 accompanied by an adult. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**THU 11/17 6:30pm**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Full Moon Hike** Explore the canyon by moonlight. Look and listen for nocturnal wildlife then enjoy the city lights from the top of the trail. 2.5hrs WODOC

**FRI 11/18 10am**
*Point Mugu State Park*
**Big Sycamore Canyon Nursery Nature Walk** Beautiful flat trail across from the ocean. For families with babies to 6 year olds. Activities and sensory discoveries. Donations requested. *Reservation required* 310-364-3591. 2hrs NNW

**FRI 11/18 7pm**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Full Moon Over Runyon Canyon** See Hollywood's urban wilderness park in a new light. Hike up to a view of the L.A. basin from the site of an unbuilt Frank Lloyd Wright project. Moderate pace. 2hrs FORC

**FRI 11/18 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 11/19 8:30am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Birdwalk** See what birds inhabit the chaparral and lakeside this season. Bring binoculars and walking shoes. No pets please. Meet at lower parking lot. 2.5hrs WODOC

**SAT 11/19 9am**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Trail Hike** Explore this urban wilderness located above Hollywood. 2-3hrs FORC

**SAT 11/19 9am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Plant Adventures** See, feel, smell and identify plants plus associated arthropods of the coastal sage and riparian habitats. Three-mile walk. 3hrs WODOC

*California Native Plant Society's*

## Native Plant Sale & Fair

NOV 19 - 20

Sat and Sun, 10am-3pm

*Calamigos Ranch, Agoura Hills*

Over 3,000 drought tolerant natives for use in garden, patio or acreage. Basketry and weaving demonstrations, books, and more. Food, refreshments, picnic grounds and play area.

*For further info: 818-345-6749*

**SAT 11/19 9:30am**
*Castro Crest Site*
**Backbone Trail Trek** Celebrate Backbone Trail month on this 6-mile hike with an NPS ranger. Enjoy inland and coastal views from the spine of the Santa Monica Mountains. 5hrs NPS

**SAT 11/19 10am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Chumash Harvest Walk** Learn about Chumash resources on this easy-paced walk through oak woodlands and streamside communities. Which plants were used for food, medicine, clothing or building materials? Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

GOLDEN STATE SCULPTORS ASSOCIATION

**Saving Outdoor Sculpture**

NOV 19

10AM - 2PM

PETER STRAUSS RANCH

Join restoration experts to learn about this national project.

818-889-8346

# November

**SAT 11/19 3:30pm**
*Charmlee Nature Preserve*
**Twilight Hike & Marshmallows** Easy hike with a beautiful view of the sun setting over the Pacific. Followed by marshmallows around the campfire. Bring flashlight, water and skewers. 818-347-1817 2.5hrs CNP

**SAT 11/19 3:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Evening Birds** Birds are very active in the evening. Join us for a casual sunset ramble. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! 1.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/20 8am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Bird Walk** Enjoy learning how birds live and what they eat. Bring bird guides, binoculars, snack and water. 3hrs SC

**SUN 11/20 10am**
*Peter Strauss Ranch Site*
**Peaceful Stroll, Peaceful Thoughts** Enjoy a contemplative stroll under the oaks. Led by a docent who will invoke nature's tranquility. Bring water and brown bag picnic to enjoy after the walk. 818-707-8540. 2hrs SC/TCD

**SUN 11/20 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

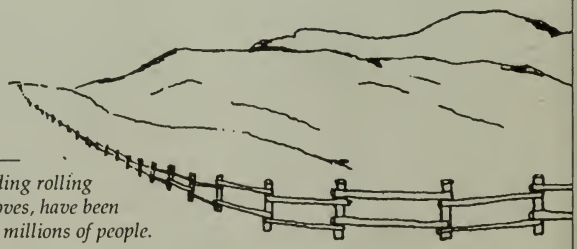
**SUN 11/20 10am**
*Lower Stunt High Trail*
**Chaparral Autumn** See fall colors as you wend along a shaded stream course with vistas of woodlands and chaparral. Learn bits of nature lore along the way. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead, 1 mile from Mulholland Hwy on Stunt Rd. 2hrs CCD

**SUN 11/20 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Fitness Hike** Intermediate to advanced hikers can get some fast-paced exercise, enjoy the trails and learn some park history. Includes nature center tour. 2hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/20 1pm**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Cultural History Hike** Explore over a century of Hollywood history in a great celebrity estate reverting back to nature. 1hr FORC

**SUN 11/20 1:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Discovering Nature** A walk for families with children. Look for animal homes, meet a tree, observe an insect, and more! Tune into the natural world. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SUN 11/20 3pm**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon** An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and capture memories. Enjoy the photo opportunities or just go on a peaceful, easy-paced walk. 2hrs WODOC



*Paramount Ranch Site— scenic backdrops, including rolling grasslands and oak groves, have been seen on the screen by millions of people.*

**FRI 11/25 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
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**SAT 11/26 8:30pm**
*Rocky Oaks Site*
**Star Treks in the Santa Monica Mountains** View constellations galore with leader's aid. Also see deep sky objects through telescopes from L.A. Astronomical Society. Bring jacket and attentive kids. 818-707-8540. 1.5hrs SC

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# December

*Fall in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is a great time to appreciate our incredibly diverse plant and animal species. Help increase native biodiversity. Participate in exotic plant removals or consider including native plants in your garden.*

**California Native Plant Society & Sierra Club**

**WEED WARS**

**818-348-5910**

**FRI 12/2 7pm**

*Caballero Canyon*

**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 12/3 9am**

*Lower Stunt High Trail*

**1st Saturday Walk at Cold Creek Valley Preserve** Explore this fire-recovering preserve. See streamside pools and woodlands in a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead 1 mile from Mulholland Hwy on Stunt Rd. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 12/3 9am**

*Cheeseboro Canyon/Palo Comado Canyon Site*

**Canyon Loop Hike** View native plants, songbirds and raptors in a beautiful oak savanna. Join an NPS ranger for an invigorating 10 mile hike. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Cheeseboro Canyon parking lot. 6hrs NPS

**SAT 12/3 9am**

*Lower Stunt High Trail*

**Fisher Firsts** Gentle two-mile walkabout in this new parkland to view riparian areas, oak woodlands and gently rolling hills. Find signs of four-legged denizens. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Stunt High Trailhead. 3hrs CCD/MRT

**SAT 12/3 9am**

*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*

**Cleaning Up Our Environment** Learn how everyone can help make our environment more beautiful on this moderate-trail, clean up hike. Become a part of the solution! 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SAT 12/3 9am**

*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*

**WODOC & The Movies** Tour an area which has been the site of many movie and T.V. productions. See how the industry has learned to help preserve the environment. 2hrs WODOC

**SAT 12/3 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Canyon Tykes** For 4-7 year olds accompanied by an adult. Explore trails, animal homes, and the sights, sounds and feel of nature. 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SAT 12/3 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Saturday Saunter** Learn about the natural world while enjoying the company of others on this easy-paced walk in upper Franklin Canyon. 1.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 12/4 8am**
*Topanga State Park*
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs SC

**SUN 12/4 9am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Bird Walk for Children** Discover the birds of Malibu Creek. For children of all ages - must be accompanied by an adult. Bring binoculars. Meet at lower parking lot. 1hr MCD

**SUN 12/4 9:30am**
*Santa Monica Mountains*
**TCA Sunday Hike** Meet at Temescal Gateway Park: from Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland onto Temescal Cyn Rd; follow one mile to parking lot just across Sunset Blvd. 310-454-4188. 6hrs TCA

**SUN 12/4 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

**SUN 12/4 10am**
*Santa Monica Mountains*
**Temescal Canyon Nursery Nature Walk** For families with babies to 6 years old. See lizards, gopher homes and lots more. A fun and easy walk for everyone. Donations requested. *Reservation required* 310-364-3591. 2hrs NNW

**SUN 12/4 10am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Chronicles of the Canyon** An exploration of the beauty and history of Franklin Canyon. From Native American Indians, Spanish and early settlers to modern water distribution and filmmaking, the canyon has seen it all! 2.5hrs WODOC

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*Anna's Hummingbird Calypte anna— a sharp "chick" is the common call note and a rapid dry rattling is the chase call.*

# December

**WED 12/7 10:30am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Babes In The Woods** Enjoy the companionship of other parents on this walk around the NPS upper Franklin Canyon Reservoir. Introduce the natural world to your stroller-age child. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

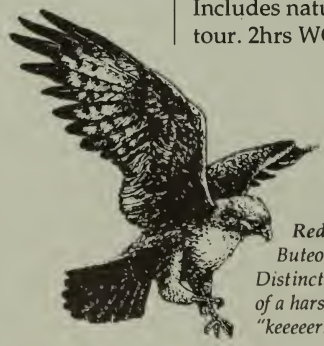
**FRI 12/9 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 12/10 8am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Birding Tour** A variety of habitats support 160 species from hummingbirds to golden eagles. Observe fall migrants and winter arrivals on this easy-paced walk. Bring binoculars. Meet at lower parking lot. 3hrs MCD

**SAT 12/10 9am**
*Cold Creek Canyon Preserve*
**Wonderful Winterland Wander** Winter rains arouse the dormant floral world. Milkmaids and currants bloom. Ferns unfurl and rain beetles emerge from the ground to fly in the rain. *Reservation required* 310-456-5625. 4hrs MRT

**SAT 12/10 9am**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Boney Wilderness Loop Hike** Join an NPS ranger on a strenuous journey. Discover a waterfall, cabin site and how this land has changed through time. 7hrs NPS

**SAT 12/10 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Fitness Hike** Intermediate to advanced hikers can get some fast-paced exercise, enjoy the trails and learn some park history. Includes nature center tour. 2hrs WODOC



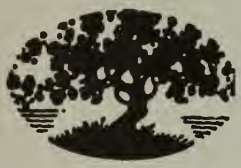
***Red-tailed hawk***
*Buteo jamaicensis—Distinctive call consists of a harsh, descending "keeeeer."*

**SAT 12/10 10am**
*Rocky Oaks Site*
**Chaparral & Oak Woodlands** See how well these micro-ecosystems blend together on this 2.5 mile walk. Bring kids, lunch and water for picnic afterwards. 818-707-8540. 2hrs SC/TCD

**SAT 12/10 10am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Tots on the Trail** Enjoy the sights, sounds and feel of nature. For children ages 2-4 accompanied by an adult. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SAT 12/10 3:30pm**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Evening Campfire Hike** Learn about the history and ecology of the park on this easy-paced hike then relax around the campfire. Bring water and flashlight. Call 818-347-1817 for more info. 2.5hrs MCD

**SUN 12/11 9am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**T'ai Chi Walk** Beginners or those with some T'ai Chi Ch'uan background can enjoy instruction in moving meditation on our trek through Franklin Canyon. Highlights in T'ai Chi and ecosytem will be pointed out. 2hrs WODOC



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**WEED WARS**

**12/11**

**Sunday** 9am-1pm

**Malibu Lagoon State Beach**

Restore the balance of nature. Help eliminate non-native, invasive species.

Reservations: **818-348-5910**

**SUN 12/11 10a-5pm**
*Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa Site*
**Satwiwa Sundays** Visit the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. A Native American Indian guest host or an NPS ranger will answer questions. FOS/NPS

**SUN 12/11 12:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Nature & Awareness** Explore, expand, and deepen your awareness on this easy-paced walk which will include a guided meditation. 1.5hrs WODOC

**SUN 12/11 1:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Discovering Nature** A walk for families with children. Look for animal homes, meet a tree, observe an insect, and more! Tune into the natural world. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**SUN 12/11 2pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon** An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and capture memories. Enjoy the photo opportunities or just go on a peaceful, easy-paced walk. 2hrs WODOC

**MON 12/12 10am**
*Topanga State Park*
**Santa Ynez Canyon Nursery Nature Walk** Stroll along a flat path alongside a stream. Strollers O.K. For parents with babies to 6 year olds. Learn about nature. Donations requested. *Reservation required* 310-364-3591. 2hrs NNW

**WED 12/14 2:30pm**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Tots on the Trail** Enjoy the sights, sounds and feel of nature. For children ages 2-4 accompanied by an adult. *Reservation required* 310-858-3090x115. 1.5-2hrs WODOC

**FRI 12/16 10am**
*Point Mugu State Park*
**Big Sycamore Canyon Nursery Nature Walk** Beautiful flat trail across from the ocean. For families with babies to 6 year olds. Activities and sensory discoveries. Donations requested. *Reservation required* 310-364-3591. 2hrs NNW

**FRI 12/16 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
**Twilight Hike** Leisurely three-mile hike into beautiful Caballero Canyon to Mulholland Dr. Beginners welcome. 3hrs SC

**SAT 12/17 9am**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Trail Hike** Explore this urban wilderness located above Hollywood. 2-3hrs FORC

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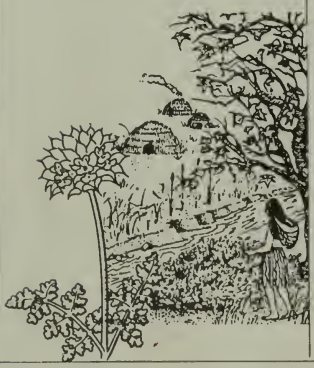
**SAT 12/17 9am**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Plant Adventures** See, feel, smell and identify plants plus associated arthropods of the coastal sage and riparian habitats. Three mile walk. 3hrs WODOC

**SAT 12/17 9:30am**
*Paramount Ranch Site*
**From Set to Screen** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join an NPS ranger on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**SAT 12/17 10am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Chumash Harvest Walk** Learn about Chumash resources on this easy-paced walk through oak woodlands and streamside communities. Which plants were used for food, medicine, clothing or building materials? Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD



**SAT 12/17 6pm**
*Franklin Canyon RanchSite*
**Full Moon Hike** Explore the canyon by moonlight. Look and listen for nocturnal wildlife, then enjoy the city lights from the top of the trail. 2.5hrs WODOC

**SAT 12/17 7pm**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Full Moon Over Runyon Canyon** See Hollywood's urban wilderness park in a new light and hike up to a view of the L.A. basin from the site of an unbuilt Frank Lloyd Wright project. Moderate pace. 2hrs FORC

**SUN 12/18 8am**
*Malibu Creek State Park*
**Bird Walk** Enjoy learning how birds live and what they eat. Bring bird guides, binoculars, snack and water. 3hrs SC

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*Chia Salvia columbariae—this member of the sage family is still used as food, medicine and as a tea.*

**SUN 12/18 10am**
*Cold Creek Canyon Preserve*
**Almost Winter** Observe how nature prepares for winter in a craggy sandstone canyon. See what was once a hermit's boulder home. Meet at preserve's lower gate 1.2 miles from Mulholland Hwy on Stunt Rd. 2.5hrs CCD

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**SUN 12/18 1pm**
*Runyon Canyon Park*
**Cultural History Hike** Explore over a century of Hollywood history in a great celebrity estate reverting back to nature. 1hr FORC

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*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**The Walk of Life, Sound & Light** See the spirit and wonder of nature on this walk. Through guided meditation, we will see that we occupy a special place in the "cycle of life" on this planet. 1.5hrs WODOC

**WED 12/21 10am**
*Rocky Oaks Site*
**Nursery Nature Walk** Visit a pond, stroll through a beautiful oak woodland and view the unusual rock formations of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. For families with babies to 6 year olds. Donations requested. *Reservation required* 310-364-3591. 2hrs NNW

**WED 12/21 5:30pm**
*Franklin Canyon Ranch Site*
**Winter Solstice Hike** Hike up a moderate trail and watch the sunset. Discuss seasonal changes, winter constellations and more. 2hrs WODOC

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**SUN 12/25 11am**
*Cold Creek Canyon Preserve*
**Tenth Annual Toyon Trek** Experience the unique and varied habitats of this area. Easy-paced six mile loop. Bring goodies to share, lunch and water. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead 1mile from Mulholland Hwy on Stunt Rd. 3+hrs CCD/MRT/SC

**FRI 12/30 7pm**
*Caballero Canyon*
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**SAT 12/31 8:30am**
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
**Birdwalk** See what birds inhabit the chaparral and lakeside this season. Bring binoculars and walking shoes. No pets please. Meet at lower parking lot. 2.5hrs WODOC

**SAT 12/31 9:30am**
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**From Set to Screen** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join an NPS ranger on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

*Toyon Heteromeles arbutifolia—bears red berries into the winter.*

☞ *To check for any road closures, call Cal Trans at 1-800-427-7623.*

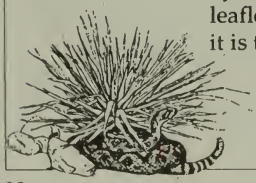
# Hiking & Safety Tips

**Ticks** are plentiful. Some of them carry disease. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific **Rattlesnakes** make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In case of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear**—hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

**Poison oak** can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.



**Never hike alone**, use the buddy system. That leaves someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent **wildfire**. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry plenty of **water** and drink it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails.

Please be considerate of park neighbors and respect private land. Carpooling is encouraged.

# National Park Service Visitor Center

**The National Park Service visitor center is located at 30401 Agoura Road, Suite 100 in Agoura Hills.**

The visitor center staff can answer questions about parks and programs in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, as well as other national parks throughout the United States. They can provide you with information about lodging reservations, backcountry permits and Golden Passports.

While you are in the visitor center, browse through the publication sales area. You'll find educational material for the whole family about national parks and local cultural and natural history. Topographic maps for any part of the Santa Monica Mountains are also available. All sales support educational programs in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

**Hours: Mon-Fri, 8am to 5pm**
**Sat-Sun, 9am to 5pm**
**For more info: 818-597-9192**

**Directions to the Visitor Center:**

- Take the ***Reyes Adobe exit*** off of the Ventura Freeway (Hwy 101).
- Go south on Reyes Adobe Road and turn right onto ***Agoura Road***.
- Make a right into the driveway for the first building complex (30401 Agoura Road).
- Follow the signs to the main lobby and look for the building with the flagpole.
- The visitor center is the first door on the right as you enter the main lobby.

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